

July 1, 1982

Inspection Memo  
to File

RE: Bandit Mine  
W.K. Enterprise  
DOE/037/024  
San Juan, County

Joe Helfrich and Sandy Pruitt inspected the Bandit Mine site on May 19, 1982. Mike Shumway was present and informed inspectors that a 1,200 foot downdrift had been mined to 100 feet on either side. 751.80 tons of ore have been mined. The mine acreage is very close to 2 acres (a survey is needed for an accurate determination).

Extension of the mine pad had blocked the adjacent ephemeral drainage. Mine water was being pumped at approximately 5 gpm to a very small depression on the crest of the pad for the settling of fines. No discharge from the depression to the ephemeral drainage channel below was evident, but seepage was likely (unusual ponding on the access road about two hundred feet below may have resulted from the seepage - this was not definite though). A new road to exploration sites above the mine site was observed. The exploration sites were not inspected. A notice of intent to commence exploratory drilling was never received by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Mr. Bill Ruggeri, attorney for Clayton Stocks (lease holder), informed the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Wayne Hedberg) on June 9, 1982 that the mine was shutting down as of June 8, 1982. John Blake, State Lands, will ensure that the site is adequately reclaimed for release of bond (state lease ML29273).

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